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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II (e.g., drawn to a support assemble for an electric power steering as defined by claims 7-10), without traverse. Applicants reserve the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Further, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on June 17, 2004.

Further, Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone call of October 25, 2005.

Even though Mr. McGinn was not available at that time to speak to the Examiner, a voice mail message was left for the Examiner on October 28, 2005, making an election.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a <u>telephonic or personal interview</u>.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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